

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN HONOR OF THE LIFE OF REV.
DR. GARTHER ROBERSON, JR.

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 11, 2021

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Reverend Doctor Garther Roberson, Jr. of Ypsilanti, Michigan. His lifetime of service and dedication to our community is worthy of commendation.

Rev. Roberson was born in Ypsilanti, Michigan on August 1, 1927, the fifth child of Pastor Garther Roberson, Sr. and Estella Roberson. He attended Ypsilanti Public Schools and after graduation in 1948, went on to serve his country in the United States Army during the Korean War. He earned the Korean Services Medals of Honor with the Bronze Star and an Overseas Bar. Rev. Roberson was educated at Washtenaw Community College, Moody Bible College, Trinity College, and William Tyndale College. He was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree from the Tennessee School of Religion (Ypsilanti Extension) in 1999.

As a member of the Second Baptist Church in Ypsilanti, he served as director of the youth department, Sunday school superintendent, and as Deacon until he was called to serve as Reverend in 1979. Rev. Roberson also served as Pastor at Mount Olive Baptist Church in Ypsilanti. He was known for his love for the community and the people he served. His warmth and joyful personality led to him being a trusted confidante for not only the congregation of his church, but for local youth and community leaders as well.

A leader not only in the faith community, Rev. Roberson was a fixture in Washtenaw County, serving as President of the Minister's Alliance and as President for Joint Operational Services for a Human Urban Alliance (JOSH-UA). Rev. Roberson was the longest serving member of the Minister's Alliance and was presented with a Congregational Certificate of Honor Founder's Day Award by Pastor Phillip Farrell. In 1996, he was chosen to deliver the Invocation for former President William Jefferson Clinton during his visit to Eastern Michigan University. Additionally, he served on the boards of the NAACP, Hope Clinic, the Students and Friends of Washtenaw County Community College, and the Huron Valley District Christian Academy. Many honors bear his name; In Ypsilanti, March 15th to 17th is known as "Reverend Garther Roberson, Jr. Week" and April 4, 2003 is known as "Garther Roberson Day" and each year, JOSHUA awards the "Rev. Dr. Garther Roberson Community Leadership Award" to outstanding leaders in the area.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of Reverend Doctor Garther Roberson, Jr., a pillar of our community, a native son of Ypsilanti, and a man of true faith. He will be deeply missed but has left behind a lasting legacy. Our thoughts are

with his friends, family, and congregation at this time.

WILLIAM (BILL) FRANCIS HOOVER

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 11, 2021

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize William (Bill) Francis Hoover of Aurora, Colorado who passed away May 1, 2021.

Bill was born and raised on his family's farm in Topeka, Kansas as the third of five children. Bill joined the United States Air Force in 1950 and rose to the rank of Major in 1965. While stationed in Tennessee, Bill met the love of his life, Sue. They were married in 1960.

Bill served with honor and distinction in the U.S. Air Force. He served in Korea, Vietnam and Cold War operations across the world. He was awarded numerous commendations, including one of the Air Force's highest awards, the Distinguished Flying Cross. He earned this medal during the Vietnam War for his actions as Aircraft Commander of an AC-119 gunship. Under great personal risk and during terrible weather conditions in mountainous terrain, he and his crew repelled an attack, saving the lives of the troops who were at risk of being overrun by North Vietnamese Forces. He retired from the Air Force in November 1970.

Following his career in the Air Force, he flew Lear Jets out of Columbus Airport, but soon realized it took him away from his family too much, and he began a second career working for the Federal Aviation Administration. He was stationed in Rawlins, Wyoming, where he was able to teach his children to hunt and fish while he kept flying as a Certified Flight Instructor. Bill and his family then moved to Aurora, Colorado in 1977. His experience and knowledge was again put to use, as he served on the FAA's Air Traffic Procedures Advisory Committee to develop aviation safety and operation regulations. Bill retired from the FAA after 20 years of service to the government. After retiring, Bill and Sue traveled the world, often with family and friends. They were inseparable, enjoying a life of adventure.

Bill was a devoted husband and loving father and grandfather. He and his wife Sue raised five children—Bill, David, Lori, John and Theresa. He was especially fond of his seventeen grandchildren and loved and cherished his five great-grandchildren.

In addition to his career in the Air Force, Bill was a devoted member of Queen of Peace Catholic Parish. He was a lifetime member of the Knights of Columbus as a fourth-degree knight. I am deeply grateful for his lifetime of service to our community.

RECOGNIZING THE REMARKABLE
LIFE OF DOROTHY M. SWEENEY

HON. SCOTT PERRY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 11, 2021

Mr. PERRY. Madam Speaker, I'm honored and humbled to recognize the remarkable life of Mrs. Dorothy M. Sweeney, who left our earthly bounds on April 7, 2021. "Mother Sweeney," as she affectionately was called, leaves behind an eternal and meaningful legacy not only to her family and loved ones, but to the entire York County Community.

Mother Sweeney's life began on January 16, 1934, born to Eddie and Rhoda Hawkins. She was the youngest child—and only girl—in a household of older brothers, Edward Jr., Clyde, and Herman.

Mother Sweeney married Arthur Sweeney in 1951, when they planted their roots in York. Together, they raised four wonderful children—Takanii, Tomoa Tanya, Tanoue Onishi, and Arleta Maria—with a resilient sense of love and respect for their legacy.

After a tragic work-related accident claimed the life of her beloved husband, Mother Sweeney was thrust into single parenthood. As obstacles were placed along her path, she persevered—like her mother, Rhoda Hawkins.

Mother Sweeney would go on to graduate from York College with a degree in Nursing, all while managing a household of four beautiful, albeit sometimes unruly, children. She raised her children with a strong and powerful image of womanhood. She served as the head nurse at York County Homes, and as a private duty nurse while also volunteering for the local PTA—later serving as its president for over six years. She would go on to accept a position with Lincoln Intermediate Unit No. 12 as a teacher for special needs children.

Mother Sweeney made sure that her children knew their elders and family history, making sure to surround her daughters with family and love, as well as a connection to their roots. Her family soon began to grow, as her daughters welcomed children of their own. Her oldest, Takanii, had 11 children (Damaine, Tak, TakKhan, Asaii, Ishni, Kiya, Azijah, Adonysha, Zebulon, Masata, and Amasa), Tomoa had four children (Angela, Yahselah, Nashon, and Ashir), Tanoue had one son (Emneko), and Arleta had five children (Tazaa, Taza Todd, Tyleta, T-Hara, and Tynaketa).

When Mother Sweeney retired professionally, she certainly was kept busy with 21 grandchildren—and all the birthdays, holidays, and celebrations a large family brings. When asked about the number of great-grandchildren she has, Dorothy's response was, "after 10, I stopped counting." The branches of her great family tree have continued to grow with 45 great-grandchildren—and counting.

Mother Sweeney was always an energetic and active young lady, serving her family, church, and community. As a faithful and dedicated member of Emmanuel COGIC in York—

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of which her mother was one of the founding members—she has served under founding pastor Elder Wise until his home going. Until now, Mother Sweeney was the only living founding member. Remaining steadfast under the leadership of Pastor Leighton McMillan, she held various leadership positions, including Sunday school teacher, chair of the Pastors Aide Committee, a member of the nurses unit, vice president of the Deaconesses, and was appointed as Mother of Grace.

Civically, Mother Sweeney was an active member of the State Democratic Committee, president of the Democratic Club of York, vice president of Lincoln Charter School Board, Past Matron of the Queen Esther Temple IBPOE, positions in Eastern Stars PJA, Daughters of Isis—and numerous other community organizations. Whenever possible, Mother Sweeney loved traveling to Florida to be with her “Sunshine State” family—the Burton/Nealy family, Pastor & First Lady Speed, Elder & Mother Combs, Pastor & First Lady Mays, Bishop Theodore and First Lady Hall, BAM International Fellowship. During the COVID-19 pandemic, Mother Sweeney enjoyed being a part of Hurst Chapel AME Parking Lot Posse, enjoying Sunday morning service in the church parking lot.

Mother Sweeney was a matriarch, a pillar of truth, and a true shining light. With words of wisdom, her strong Christian values, and her loving heart, she guided and nurtured her family and her community. She took pride in knowing that her beloved family remains strong and ever-growing, just as she and Arthur had envisioned. Mother Sweeney was and will always be all that a virtuous woman should be, and truly sets the standard for all to follow.

With great honor and thanks, I'm humbled to acknowledge the life and legacy of Mrs. Dorothy M. “Mother Sweeney” of York, Pennsylvania. I wish her Godspeed.

RECOGNIZING NORTH END-STERLING HEIGHTS VFW POST 6250 ON 100 YEARS OF DEDICATED SUPPORT TO THE VETERANS OF MACOMB COUNTY MICHIGAN

HON. LISA C. MCCLAIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 11, 2021

Mrs. MCCLAIN. Madam Speaker, I rise to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the North End-Sterling Heights VFW Post 6250.

VFWs across the country provide sanctuaries of support for our nation's veterans. Post 6250 is no different. In their times of need, Post 6250 has been there for the veterans of Macomb County by assisting with the VA, providing wheelchairs and helping veterans restart their lives. This is only a drop in the bucket for what this post has done, and their assistance even extends to the widows of our fallen heroes.

The men and women who serve are our nation's most selfless citizens, and they should have all the support they need when they come home. Luckily for the veterans of Macomb County, VFW Post 6250 has been their strong ally for a century. It is an honor to congratulate them on reaching this historic milestone, and I wish them many more years of dedicated service to our veterans.

IN MEMORY OF ADAM KOLTON

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 11, 2021

Mr. HUFFMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Adam Kolton, who passed away on April 26, 2021. A graduate of the University of Wisconsin, he lived in Bethesda, Maryland with his family and their dog, Riley. He is survived by two sons, 17-year-old Jacob and 14-year-old Sam, as well as his wife, Laura; his parents, Chet and Carol; his sister Lisa; mother-in-law Priscilla; and brother-in-law Sandy.

A tireless environmental advocate, Adam spent much of his career fighting oil and gas development in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. At the beginning of his career, he oversaw a vital period as the Arctic Refuge Campaign Director at Alaska Wilderness League from 1997 to 2002, spearheading the fight to block Congress and the Bush administration from opening the refuge's coastal plain to drilling. Following that, he spent 15 years at the National Wildlife Federation, eventually overseeing its 40-person Washington, D.C. office as Vice President of National Advocacy and leading staff in countless conservation wins, including another high-profile Arctic Refuge battle in 2005. In 2017, he returned to Alaska Wilderness League as its Executive Director and led the organization's work to protect Alaska's public lands and waters through the politically challenging years of the Trump administration. His passion for bringing people together to protect the Arctic Refuge was highlighted by his dedication to elevating the voices of impacted Indigenous communities like the Gwich'in.

As a northern New Jersey native, Adam was an unapologetic fan of the New York Mets and the forever hapless New York Jets. Early in his life, he and a friend formed Sports Fans United—“the largest nonprofit fan advocacy group in the country”—and Adam even testified before Congress in a hearing on revoking baseball's longstanding exemption from antitrust laws.

It is my honor to recognize Adam Kolton, an individual wholly dedicated to the protection of our nation's wildest places like the Arctic Refuge. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of this remarkable advocate for conservation.

IN HONOR OF ALIGN CREDIT UNION OPENING THEIR FIRST NEW HAMPSHIRE LOCATION

HON. CHRIS PAPPAS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 11, 2021

Mr. PAPPAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Align Credit Union on opening their new location in Seabrook, their first in New Hampshire.

Every day brings unique challenges to our entrepreneurs here in the Granite State—even more so during these unprecedented times—but as someone who has owned and operated a family restaurant, I know that it's institutions like Align Credit Union that help drive our

economy and form the fabric of our communities. Since its founding in 1922, Align has built strong bonds within New England communities, and maintained its focus on members, regardless of circumstance.

Community financial institutions like Align have long served an essential purpose in expanding financial literacy and strengthening local economies. Now, their work is more important than ever, as Americans turn to credit unions to disburse essential relief funds and rely on their support of Main Street businesses. Align's cooperative model and “people helping people” approach has been essential to its members during this crisis. We welcome Align to the Seacoast of New Hampshire.

Once again, I want to congratulate Align Credit Union on this great achievement, and them for all those who have been involved in making this possible.

RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF MINING IN ARIZONA

HON. PAUL A. GOSAR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 11, 2021

Mr. GOSAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize those that fight for true economic independence in this country, the mining industry. Recently, the Arizona State Senate passed a resolution recognizing and honoring the importance of mining in Arizona and the nation at large which was joined by the Arizona House of Representatives in a Concurrent Resolution, No. 2009.

As a member of the House Natural Resources Committee, a variety of energy subcommittees, and as former Chairman of the Western Caucus, I have worked with the mining industry and I understand the difficult job the industry has in navigating a political climate that takes for granted its indispensable and vital products. Indeed, many misguided, naive, or simply ignorant people seek to ban mining, restrict it, or eradicate it from our lands. This is foolish and only increases the costs of every product made with mined resources (which is almost everything) and makes us reliant on China and Russia.

I am proffering the Arizona Concurrent Resolution for the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD for all to see that at this time in history, the leaders of Arizona understand the importance of mining and will not allow federal bureaucrats and radical environmental socialists to shut down our key industry.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 2009

Filed: Secretary of State
State of Arizona,
House of Representatives,
Fifty-fifth Legislature,
First Regular Session,
2021.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF THE HARDROCK MINING INDUSTRY TO ARIZONA'S ECONOMIC WELL-BEING.

Whereas, hardrock mining has played a central role in the development of Arizona's economy since before statehood: and

Whereas, copper produced from hardrock mining is one of the “Five C's” that established Arizona's economy and continues to provide quality jobs for Arizona residents; and